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fastener initially being at least partially unattached to the second body panel while the fastener is attached to the first body panel;

filling the package with a product via a fill opening between the fastener and the second body panel, and
attaching the fastener to the second body panel to seal the fill opening.

41. (New) The method of claim 40, wherein the fastener includes first and second interlocking profiles and first and second fins extending from the respective profiles, the first and second fins being joined along a breakable area of weakness, the first fin being attached to the first body panel, the second fin being at least partially unattached to the second body panel while the fastener is attached to the first body panel.

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42. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the fill opening in the step of filling the package is between the second fin and the second body panel.

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43. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the step of attaching the fastener to the second body panel includes attaching the second fin to the second body panel.

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44. (New) A method of making and filling a package, comprising:
providing a package including first and second opposing body panels joined along a pair of sides and a bottom bridging the sides
attaching a fastener to the first body panel along a mouth portion of the package disposed opposite the bottom;

filling the package with a product via a fill opening between the fastener and the second body panel; and

attaching the fastener to the second body panel to seal the fill opening.

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45. (New) The method of claim 44, wherein the fastener includes first and second interlocking profiles and first and second fins extending from the respective profiles, the fill opening in the step of filling the package being between the second fin and the second body panel, wherein the step of attaching the fastener to the first body panel includes attaching the first fin to the first body panel, and wherein the step of attaching the fastener to the second body panel includes attaching the second fin to the second body panel.

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46. (New) The method of claim 45, wherein the first and second fins are joined to each other along a breakable area of weakness.

47. (New) An apparatus for sealing a package filled with a product, the package including a fastener arrangement along its mouth end, the apparatus comprising:

a pair of spaced, profiled guides supporting the package by the fastener arrangement;

and

a sealer for sealing a portion of the fastener arrangement to the mouth end of the package, the sealer being beneath at least one of the profiled guides and alongside the portion of the fastener arrangement.

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48. (New) The apparatus of claim 47, wherein the fastener arrangement includes a fastener and a slider slidably mounted to the fastener, each of the profiled guides including an upper step supporting the package by the slider.

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49. (New) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the fastener arrangement includes a pair of end terminations mounted to respective opposing ends of the fastener, each of the profiled guides including a lower step supporting the package by the end terminations.

50. (New) The apparatus of claim 49, wherein the upper step of each profiled guide is located outwardly and above the respective lower step.

51. (New) The apparatus of claim 47, further including a pair of moving members engaging opposite sides of the package and conveying the package through the profiled guides, the moving members being positioned beneath the respective guides.

52. (New) The apparatus of claim 51, wherein each of the moving members includes a conveyor belt.

53. (New) The apparatus of claim 51, wherein the sealer is located proximate one of the moving members such that the one of the moving members is between the package and the sealer.

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54. (New) The apparatus of claim 52, wherein the sealer includes a heated band of metal lining an inner surface of the conveyor belt of at least one of the moving members and moving with the conveyor belt.

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55. (New) The apparatus of claim 52, wherein the sealer includes a reciprocating heated bar disposed within the conveyor belt of one of the moving members.

56. (New) An apparatus for sealing a package filled with a product, the package including a fastener arrangement along its mouth end, the apparatus comprising:

means for supporting the package by the fastener arrangement; and

means, located beneath the supporting means, for sealing a band-like portion of the fastener arrangement to the mouth end of the package.

57. (New) The apparatus of claim 56, wherein the fastener arrangement includes a fastener and a slider slidably mounted to the fastener, the supporting means including means for supporting the package by the slider.

58. (New) The apparatus of claim 56, wherein the fastener arrangement includes a fastener, a slider slidably mounted to the fastener, and a pair of end terminations at opposite ends of the fastener, the supporting means including means for supporting the package by the end terminations.

59. (New) The apparatus of claim 56, further including means for engaging the package and moving the package through the supporting means.

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